

MILLION FRAUD IS LAID TO A WOMAN

Indictment in New York Reveals Nation-wide Conspiracy in Gowns.

New York, Dec. 13.—In the indictment by the federal grand jury and subsequent arrest of Antoinette Haldorn, otherwise known as "Mrs. H. Haldane" and "Mrs. A. Hubert," customs officials took the first public step toward bringing to book a coterie of alleged women smugglers, who have been bringing valuable gowns from Europe into the United States via Canada, without payment of duty. It is said that with the connivance of modistes in all the large cities of the United States, this band of smugglers has defrauded the government out of \$1,000,000.

Agents of the treasury department have been working on the case for a year or more and the government officials now declare that the developments promise to show operations on a scale probably as extensive as the notorious "sleeper trunk" frauds of three years ago.

Under the customs laws, non-residents are permitted to bring in, duty free, personal apparel in quantity and quality suitable to their station, and the government charges that Mrs. Haldorn posed as a non-resident which in reality is acting for modistes of New York, Boston and other cities. Twenty-one gowns and seven blouses, all new and of the best Parisian make, constitute the merchandise which the government alleges is dutiable and which the indictment states is worth about \$5,500.

According to Henry D. Esterbrook, special treasury agent, the government learned of the conspiracy a year ago, and two weeks ago sufficient evidence had been obtained so that the facts might be set before the grand jury.

Mr. Esterbrook said Mrs. Haldorn left New York for Europe on her last trip Aug. 1 and from the time of her departure until her trunk was seized on her arrival from Canada she was under constant surveillance of agents of the treasury department. She first stopped at Rotterdam, then went to Paris, and coming across to London traveled to Liverpool, whence she departed for Quebec, Canada. On the passenger list her name appeared as Mrs. Hubert.

To the Canadian customs men Sept. 13 she represented that she was a resident of France. Later, when crossing the American border, she gave the name of "Mrs. Amaldern" and said she was a resident of France, about to make a tour of this country. Mr. Esterbrook traced the woman from Canada and on her arrival here took possession of her trunk and requested her to accompany him to the customs house, where William J. Loeb, Jr., collector of the port, and John E. Wilkie, acting chief of the special treasury agents, questioned her. She then said the goods were new, but had been given her, and afterward stated that some had been bought, but not paid for. The trunk was ordered seized.

Mrs. Haldorn, who gives her age as 35, is well educated, speaks five languages and is said to be the wife of a lawyer, from whom she has been separated for some time. She has been

living in a fashionable boarding house in West Forty-fourth street.

After her arrest she was arraigned before United States Commissioner John A. Shields, where she was represented by Ernest E. Baldwin. Mr. Esterbrook and Customs Inspector Coffey represented the customs service at the hearing. Commissioner Shields held the woman in \$2,000 bail for appearance in court for trial at a later date.

Mr. Esterbrook said it was probable the government would institute civil as well as criminal actions against the dressmakers who are parties to the alleged conspiracy, for recovery of duties.

City Chat

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\$10 to \$35



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Plans and specifications on file at the office of the city engineer. Contractor will be paid in bonds bearing five per cent interest. All bids must be accompanied by cash or a certified check payable to the president of the board of local improvements and in the amount of 10 per cent of the bid.

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